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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/652,754	KILMER ET AL.
	Examiner Stephen J Kenny	Art Unit 3726

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 August 2003.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/2/04.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gaffaney et al. (US Patent No 5975196).

Regarding claim 1, Gaffaney discloses making a heat exchanger component comprising: providing a mill finished brazing sheet (30); rolling the sheet between a pair of rolls (11, 12), at least one of the rolls being textured (21), to create textured features on at least one side of the sheet thereby increasing the surface area of the textured side of the sheet (32); and forming the textured sheet into a heat exchanger component, wherein at least one heat transfer surface of the heat exchanger component includes the textured features (Figures 1, 3 & column 1, lines 64+).

Regarding claim 2, Gaffaney discloses the heat exchanger component is a tube (column 3, line 34).

Regarding claim 3, Gaffaney discloses the textured surface is on the interior surface of the tube (column 2, line 2).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gaffaney in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA).

Regarding claims 4-6, Gaffaney discloses the claimed invention except for explicitly stating that the heat exchanger component is a fin or a turbulator.

AAPA discloses that fins & turbulators are conventional and widely known components of a heat exchanger (paragraphs 0022, and 0005 respectively). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to form a heat exchanger component with enhanced surface area as disclosed by Gaffaney, and form a fin or turbulator, as taught by AAPA in order to realize the improved heat transfer characteristics of Gaffaney over a wider range of components and applications.

Regarding claim 5, Gaffaney discloses the claimed invention except for explicitly stating the textured features are 1-50 microns in height.

AAPA discloses that milled sheets are typically between 25-1500 microns in thickness (paragraph 0021). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to form a heat exchanger component as disclosed by Gaffaney with a thickness of 1-50 microns as this falls within the range that applicant admits is the typical size of milled heat exchanger sheets.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record on the attached PTO-892 and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen J Kenny whose telephone number is 703-306-0359. The examiner can normally be reached on mon - fri 9am - 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on 703-308-1789. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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